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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed May 18, 2007, together with a Pre-Appeal Brief request and a Response to the Pending Office Action dated December 19, 2006. A Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated July 17, 2007, was emitted wherein we were informed that the Pre-Appeal Brief Request filed May 18, 2007, was improper since a proposed amendment was included with the Pre-Appeal Brief request. Consequently, in order to have the amendment entered and considered by the Examiner, the Applicants submit the following Response accompanying a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please consider the following remarks. .

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

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